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Shipping.Noon.—English Mail steamer *Orion* leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Auctions.

Noon.—Auction of Sporting Dogs, by Mr. Geo. F. Lamer.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zedan Lodge.

Miscellaneous.

3 p.m.—Spoon Competition of Hong-kong Rifle Association.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, September 3.—
1 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Market Street and Upper Station Street, Tsimshingan.

3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Morrison Hill Gap.

3.30 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated above Pokfulam Conduit.

3 p.m.—Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong-kong Cotton Spinning Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the General Managers.

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3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Ma-Tsu-Kok.Goods per *Lightning* undelivered after 2 p.m. this date landed.WEDNESDAY, September 5.—
Goods per *Soleste* unclaimed before Noon, subject to rent.THURSDAY, September 6.—
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HONGKONG HOTEL.

Yesterday, a gang of roughs created a disturbance in the Central Market and attempted to upset one of the stalls. The occupier of the stall complained to the police and two men were arrested. They were brought up at the Magistracy to-day, but the complainant being unable to identify them, they were dismissed. Mr Hayes, who appeared for the prosecution, applied for summonses against others who were alleged to have taken part in the row and his application was granted.

Master and Servant Case.

Second Lieutenant George Hutchison of the 22nd Bombay Infantry, charged his Indian servant, at the Magistracy to-day, with deserting his employment without giving reasonable notice. He engaged the man in India and advanced him 50 rupees. It was agreed that they should come to no arrangement as to pay until their arrival in China. When they got to Hongkong, complainant and his brother officers agreed to pay their servant 20 rupees a month. The prisoner held out for 30 rupees and cleared off on the 23rd. He was arrested last night. In answer to defendant's complaint admitted striking him. Mr Hazland, on hearing this, at once discharged the prisoner.

The body of the coal coolie who, while loading a junk yesterday, fell off the gangway into the Harbour and was drowned, was recovered and sent to the Mortuary.

Baron Okuma was to leave Tokyo on 20th August, to convey the Empress of Japan's present to his troops, consisting of a hundred thousand bottles of Hiramasa and seventy-five thousand cigars.

The *Japan Herald* understands that

Japan is contemplating the contracting of another loan, this time of £20,000,000, of which a portion is to be raised in Japan, and the other more considerable portion abroad.

With regard to the convenience at the

East Block of married quarters, the Sanitary Board, at a meeting yesterday, agreed to grant the application on condition that

the military made their own arrangements as to procuring water for flushing purposes.

An Idle Rumour.

A report is circulating that on the 15th day of the eighth moon (8th September) a general massacre of all 'foreign devils' will take place in Hongkong and Canton. It may be mentioned that the Mid-Autumn Festival takes place on that day, and possibly the rumour originates from that fact.

New Dairy Regulations.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the proposed dairy regulations, prepared by Dr Clark, Medical Officer of Health, were again under discussion. The bye-laws were considered individually, and a number of alterations were made.

It was ultimately agreed to publish them prior to submitting them to the law officers of the Crown and to furnish each dairy keeper

ant a copy.

Two naval funerals took place at the

New Cemetery, Shanghai, on August 22.

One was that of B. King, aged 23, of the

armourer's crew of H.M.S. *Marathon*. He

had only been a couple of days, and his

death was quite unexpected. The other

funeral was that of a young ordinary seaman of H.M.S. *Arielus*, who died of

paralysis.

Counterfeit Yen.

A Chinaman was arrested yesterday, for tendering a counterfeit Japanese yen in a grocer's shop, at Aphi-Chan. On being searched, four others were found in his possession. His excuse was that he had got the yen among some change at another shop, but this would not wash with Mr Hazland, who ordered him to be sent to prison for three months, with hard labour.

The yen was capital imitation, but when split open were found to be filled with lead.

Sale of Building Sites.

At the auction rooms of Mr. G. P. Lammert, yesterday afternoon, an important auction of building sites took place.

Three lots of Crown Leashold property, situated at the rear of the premises known as 'Bonica' were offered for sale. Lot 1, which contains 4,981.33 square feet, was purchased by Mr Alvarez for 90 cents per foot. Lot 2, which contains 3,040.33 square feet, was bought by Mr. Ruston, for the same figure. Lot 3 was withdrawn.

Effects of a Typhoon.

On August 19, great destruction was

occasioned by a typhoon which visited

Ujina, a Japanese port situated on what is

practically an island connected by a narrow

neck of land with Hiroshima. The sea is

described as running mountains high, dash-

ing itself against the breakwater or sea wall

with resistless force. Though this wall

was strongly built, it was at last carried

away by the fury of the waves, and the

harbour was thus exposed to the full effects

of the storm. A Japanese transport was

carried up shore, completely smashing a

godown, filled with a large quantity of rice

and wheat, the demolished structure being

quickly carried away by the waves. Yester-

day morning, the steamer then struck a building

belonging to the Water Police, which

also collapsed. Huge protection banks

were carried away, and the water rushed in

with tremendous force, flooding the country

and completely cutting off communica-

tion between Ujina and Hiroshima. The

whole town with its outlying villages was

under water, and the Government officials

were engaged the whole day and in the

evening in strenuous endeavours to rescue the sufferers by boats. Five military

godowns were demolished and hundreds of

packets of stores, in addition to rice and

wheat, were washed away. The pier col-

apsed, 20 junks were smashed and nine

houses were demolished. All the telegraph

posts were blown down, and the water-

works, which connect with Hiro-

shima, burst. The water rose about 6 feet

above the platform of Ujina Railway

Station, and the train which was to have

left the station was almost submerged.

In Hiroshima and many other places

great inundations occurred.

We suppose that the London *Globe* will fall at this exhibition of

American barbarism. But there is

something to be said for the humane judge

against his followers.

We suppose that the judge showed a judicial and

industrious mind.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon—

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The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Match, ... Pompeii, ... Huma

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1900.

THE CHINA MAIL.

THE LATE LT-COL RYAN,
R.A.M.C.

A Tribute.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday evening. Dr Bell, Vice-president, and Acting Principal Medical Officer, occupied the chair with Great Britain concerning the latter's claim for compensation from the French Government on behalf of the widows and children of the British officers who were killed at Waima, in West Africa, during a collision with a French force some years ago.

Hartigan, Dr Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Messrs J. McKie, E. Osborne, Fung Wu Chtin and G. A. Woodcock, Secretary.

The Chairman said that before proceeding with the order of the day, he wished to bring forward a resolution of regret at the loss they had sustained by the death of one of their members. Since the Board met last, Colonel Ryan, R.A.M.C., had succumbed to an attack of plague. As they all knew, Colonel Ryan took a great interest in Sanitary matters in Hongkong. He was a prominent member of the Board, and the Board could ill afford to lose a member, especially when that member was a medical man, and one who had served in one of the best medical schools in the world. He begged to move that the Board express its deep regret at the death of Colonel Ryan of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Dr Hartigan said he had deep regret in seconding, Colonel Ryan took a very great interest in everything which went on there, and at the time of his death, was actually preparing a scheme for the better batturing with plague in the colony.

He was a man of very distinguished service in the army, and there was nothing which he did not do for the benefit of the members who were away, and which he thought deserved the highest recognition. When stationed in Crete he got news from some of his Indian servants that an attack by Bashli Bashoush was being contemplated on the hospital.

He applied to the General in command for special orders to defend the Hospital. His application was refused, and he said at once, "I am not going to see my men slaughtered, and as he was entitled to my application for rifles. The men who were hardly able to get out of bed held rifles at the windows, whilst others who were stronger held them outside. The attack came on and was repulsed. He got this not from the Colonel himself, because he never told him, but from officers of the Garrison who were aware of the circumstances. The Colonel was never even thanked for his work. The whole report was buried. Instead of his getting the Distinguished Service Order, as he undoubtedly should have done, he got nothing."

There small mark of recognition would show that they had done what they could in a small way in recognition of his services.

The resolution, as proposed by the Chairman, was declared carried.

QUARTERS OF A SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Unfit for Habitation—Saturated with Malaria.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, Dr Bell, Vice-President, in the chair, an item of confidential business was discussed in public, on the motion of Dr Hartigan, supported by Mr McKie and Mr Osborne.

The Clerk (Mr Woodcock) submitted a letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon (Mr C. V. Ladd) in reference to the Sanitary Inspector's quarters at Kennedy-town Cattle Depot, and other papers thereon.

Dr Hartigan moved that the Government be requested to provide suitable quarters for the Inspector at the Cattle Depot, the house at Kennedy-town not occupied by him being most unhealthy and in its present condition unfit for human habitation. This matter had been under discussion for some two or three years, and yet the Government had done nothing. Every man who lived in this particular house had been ill. Inspector Watson, when he left and went to the markets, was not ill for 18 months, but when he returned he was taken ill and died at present in hospital with fever. It was perfectly impossible for him to live in the Inspector's position to the best of his satisfaction if it was not every day. The place was actually saturated with malaria. It was most important that the man should be thoroughly well up in his work and thoroughly well able to do it. As to the state of the place, he was down there the previous day and made a careful examination. The house was built right in the angle of the hill. It had got a bank on three sides and the fourth side was facing a valley through which the air came. In fact the only air he got was practically poisonous air from a little stream in the valley, and the breeze from the sea was cut off, and the house was cut off from the sea.

The Chairman thought it would be better to have a definite suggestion to make. He thought there was no question that the man suffered from malaria, but he thought it would be better if the man to move a resolution that a small committee of the board, composed chiefly of medical men, because nobody else knew anything about malarial sites—

Mr McKie—I rise to a point of order.

Sir, we do know a little bit about malarial sites.

The Chairman—Thank you, perhaps you do, but I think it would be better to have a small committee; perhaps Mr McKie would be on it. The Inspector must live down there, and it would be very much better to go down there, make an inspection, and bring a definite proposition before the Government. Putting on another story is no good. At any rate I think—

Dr Hartigan—I have not proposed another story. I purposely left that out. I left it an open question.

The Chairman—Your motion is to provide suitable quarters?

Dr Hartigan—Simply to provide suitable quarters.

The Chairman—Very well, I am out of order.

Mr McKie, in seconding Dr Hartigan's motion, said he would not let his boy or other servants live in the house occupied by Inspector Watson. It was not nearly so well ventilated as the sheds in which the cattle were housed.

Mr Osborne strongly supported the motion.

Mr Tucker agreed with the Vice-President that it would be better to have some definite proposal to present to the Government.

After further discussion, Dr Hartigan withdrew his motion in favour of a motion proposed by the Chairman to the effect that Doctors Hartigan and Clark, and Mr McKie, be appointed a Committee to choose a new site in the neighbourhood and recommend it to the Government.

GENERAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Waima Incident.

London, August 31.—Mr St. John Brodrick announced in the House of Commons last night that France had agreed to go to arbitration with Great Britain concerning the latter's claim for compensation from the French Government on behalf of the widows and children of the British officers who were killed at Waima, in West Africa, during a collision with a French force some years ago.

New Zealand and Preferential Duties.

Wellington, August 31.—The Premier announced in the House to-day that as soon as British manufacturers were in a position to supply all the requirements of the colony within reasonable time, he was prepared to introduce a preferential rate duty for British goods. At present Britain was unable to supply many orders for machinery and consequently the colony had to go to America.

Mr Seldon also announced that information of a somewhat alarming character had reached him during the last few days in regard to an influx of Australians. Some 10,000 were already in the North Island district, and, several hundred more were on the way from Australia. This was very undesirable, and if it could not be checked otherwise, he would ask Parliament to pass legislation to do so.

The members of the colony for the last quarter show an increase of £411,000 as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, or more than 25 per cent. The exports increased by £437,341, or more than 15 per cent. The excess of exports over imports was £21,261, a slight increase as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

THE MURDERED KING HUMBERT.

(From Australian Papers.)

London, July 30.—Advises from Rome that King Humbert was killed by an Anarchist, Angelo Bressi, in the street at Monza, while His Majesty was returning from a gymnastic competition. The popularity of the King was evidenced during the afternoon by the enthusiastic ovations which were accorded him by the populace.

Rome was quiet at midnight, but this is accounted for by the fact that very few persons knew of the frightful tragedy.

London, July 31.—The tragedy was participated at the hour of 10.30 at night. When the bullet entered his side, the King sank in his carriage, calmly exclaiming, "It is nothing!"

The coachman drove as quickly as possible to the royal villa, which was reached in three minutes. His Majesty expired as he was being borne over the threshold of the house.

Queen Margherita for some time imagined that he was merely unconscious from the effect of the wound, and the doctors who were summoned had to discharge the duty of informing her that her husband was no more.

When she knew the sad truth the unhappy lady, bursting into a flood of tears, exclaimed, "The greatest crime of the century! Humbert was a good, faithful man! Nobody loved the people more truly, and he bore no ill-will to any one!"

The first message of condolence to the bereaved Queen came from His Holiness the Pope, who, on learning of the assassination, said a mass for the repose of the dead monarch's soul.

The Queen of England and the Prince and Princess of Wales were inexpressibly shocked and grieved at the crime, and promptly sent messages to Margherita conveying their sympathies.

Bressi, the assassin, is proved to be a skill-worker, and to have fled from Paterson, a city in the State of New Jersey, America. Since his arrest he has maintained an insolent and cynical demeanour. He denies that he had any accomplices. On this question it has transpired that an Italian named Sparando, an Anarchist, who recently committed suicide in New Jersey, left a written declaration to the effect that he had been chosen by lot for the task of killing King Humbert, and that, through having become an American subject, he had been allowed to select a substitute for the mission.

The Austrian Government so recently as July 29 warned the Italian authorities that a plot had been hatched for the murder of the King, and that an Anarchist who had been arrested in Austria had confessed to having been chosen by lot to commit the crime. The man added that, in the event of his arrest, a substitute, who had been selected for the purpose, would try to kill the King; and that four other European States had been simultaneously condemned to death.

Following upon this warning, extra precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the monarch, but the King, noticing these preparations, countermanded the order for any real desire to injure him.

The dead King's features are wearing a gentle smile, indicating that he met death as peacefully as though it were only a restful sleep. The body has been blessed and embalmed.

Throughout Christendom the news of the tragedy has been received by all classes with sorrow and amazement. The King's sympathy with Italy is being shown by Germany, as well as England, and among Italian communities everywhere there are signs of sincere mourning.

The Duke of Argyll represented Queen Victoria at King Humbert's funeral.

London, Aug. 1.—In speaking on the Address to the Queen in the House of Lords, expressing authorisation for the assassination of King Humbert, King Victor Emmanuel III, and the people of Italy in their bereavement, the Marquis of Saluzzo, the Premier, and the Earl of Kimberley, the leader of the Opposition, declared that society dealt too leniently with political assassins.

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sin, shouted vigorously, for the purpose of confusing the crowd and facilitating Bressi's escape.

The police find that the conspiracy to assassinate King Humbert originated in America and Paris, and that the conspirators aimed at King Humbert and others.

A FUNNY LANGUAGE.

The English language is a very funny one. There are a good many inconsistencies about it, as we all find out when we are learning to speak and write it. Some of its contradictions are set out in the following lines:

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

The one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese.

The plural of mouse should never be mice.

You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice.

But the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men, Why shouldn't the plural of man be called men?

One may find a lone man, or a whole nest of men.

But the plural of tree is trees, not treees.

And the plural of row is rows, never vine.

If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,

I give you a boot, would a pair be called boot?

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren.

But though we say mother, we never say motheren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, him, his.

But imagine the feminine she, shis, shin.

As the English, I think, you all will agree,

is the funniest language you ever did see.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory—

On the 31st at 11.55 a.m. Barometric changes are unimportant. Pressure remains high over S. China and Japan, and highest in the Pacific to the E. of the latter area. Pressure is relatively low over the middle part of the China Sea, in the area lying between N.E. and S.W. winds. Gradients slight for E. and N.E. winds on the coast and in the N.E. part of the China Sea. Forecast—moderate E. winds.

Rome was quiet at midnight, but this is accounted for by the fact that very few persons knew of the frightful tragedy.

London, July 31.—The tragedy was participated at the hour of 10.30 at night. When the bullet entered his side, the King sank in his carriage, calmly exclaiming, "It is nothing!"

The coachman drove as quickly as possible to the royal villa, which was reached in three minutes.

His Majesty expired as he was being borne over the threshold of the house.

Queen Margherita for some time imagined that he was merely unconscious from the effect of the wound, and the doctors who were summoned had to discharge the duty of informing her that her husband was no more.

When she knew the sad truth the unhappy lady, bursting into a flood of tears, exclaimed, "The greatest crime of the century! Humbert was a good, faithful man! Nobody loved the people more truly, and he bore no ill-will to any one!"

The first message of condolence to the bereaved Queen came from His Holiness the Pope, who, on learning of the assassination, said a mass for the repose of the dead monarch's soul.

The Queen of England and the Prince and Princess of Wales were inexpressibly shocked and grieved at the crime, and promptly sent messages to Margherita conveying their sympathies.

Bressi, the assassin, is proved to be a skill-worker, and to have fled from Paterson, a city in the State of New Jersey, America. Since his arrest he has maintained an insolent and cynical demeanour.

He denies that he had any accomplices. On this question it has transpired that an Italian named Sparando, an Anarchist, who recently committed suicide in New Jersey, left Monza, Italy, on the 27th Aug.

The Italian Mail s.s. "Civita" left Monza on the 27th Aug., and is expected to arrive here on the 31st Sept.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver on Monday afternoon, the 29th Aug., for Hongkong, via the port of Callao.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. "Gaulic" with mails &c. left San Francisco for this port on the 21st Aug.

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